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# NEWS

## Franklin

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“Franklin might be America’s first tabloid journalist,” Leahy said. “He printed a lot of gossip and real racy stuff for the time period.”

The importance of Ben Franklin to our nation’s history is a subject of much discussion among historians, Leahy said.

“We know Franklin the scholar, Franklin the inventor, Franklin the philosopher, but there is too much myth and mystique about him to know who he really is,” Leahy said. He is our national symbol, he is American Ingenuity. He liked to talk and get drunk – a typi-

cal college guy.”

Leahy described the letters as standard correspondence; things that Franklin might have wrote about or dealt with from day to day. Leahy stated that if the letters had been another more important document, maybe one written to Thomas Jefferson, then we might not get as clear an insight into Franklin the man. “Getting lost in all that would be the letter itself,” Leahy said. “He occupies such a lofty perch among the founding fathers that it is hard to think of him, (Benjamin Franklin) the man.”

Leahy emphasized the rarity of seeing such a document in the middle of Kansas.

“You will get to see first hand something people in Western Kansas don’t get to see,” Leahy said. “This is unexpected and unusual for FHSU and Hays. Ben Franklin is a person and we get to see that.”

Leahy said that he had seen the documents and they were in very good shape. The documents were discovered originally by Currey in a stack of miscellaneous documents found in an antique store in Ohio.

Following Leahy’s presentation, the documents will be placed on display in Sheridan Hall.

The letters have an appraised value of \$25,000 and \$35,000, respectively.

## Lines

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elor’s in English.

In fact, last year’s edition of Lines even received the Literary Journal Award from the international English honor society known as Sigma Tau Delta. The award is only bestowed upon two college literary journals in the nation and carries a \$350 prize.

“We were up against a lot bigger schools with more resources,” Morris said. “When they announced the award ... we were totally surprised and thrilled.”

Lines is accepting submissions for the 2007 edition now through Feb. 15.

An editorial board of Fort Hays State students selects the entries to be published in Lines through an anonymous process. Editorial board positions are open to students of any class or major. Applications for the 2007 editorial board are due by Nov. 15.

Those seeking more information can contact Melissa Mikesell, 2007 Lines editor, at [mamikesell@scatcat.fhsu.edu](mailto:mamikesell@scatcat.fhsu.edu). The journal is released in August each year.

## Smartphones

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and can also function as an MP3 player. The device is more like a “mini computer system and a phone,” according to Bill Hayden, director of wireless operations for WestLink.

Brian Pauls, a freshman in business management and member of the pilot study, has enjoyed using the device thus far. He uses the blue tooth capabilities to send files to other students in the room, and also said he occasionally uses MSN Messenger while in class.

Students in the pilot program receive free local service for the year-long trial, and are also asked to complete surveys and questionnaires.

The pilot study is only set for one year, and after that time, further plans in the WestLink/Fort Hays State partnership are up to the university, according to Hayden.

## Tiger One

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## TigerTracks experienced enhanced by improvements

Robert Cummins  
News Editor

TigerTracks has been around less than a year now, but there have already been quite a few changes and updates made, according to Dave Schmidt, director of computing services.

In August, new equipment designed to make the portal more responsive was installed, costing half-a-million dollars. “I’d call that a success story,” Schmidt said. Recent changes have also been made to Tigernet, the campus wireless network. Now, when

students log on to Tigernet, they are no longer using a secure connection. However if a student using Tigernet logs into the TigerTracks web portal, that connection will be secure and have the benefits of encryption.

Another change to the web portal has been the new directory search feature. Students now have the ability to search for email addresses and faculty have the ability to search for office and phone numbers, which they can make available for students to search.

When students search for

courses, they now get a specific number of results rather than just listing them.


This year, students will be able to register as well as vote for SGA elections all through the Tiger Tracks web portal. Although students will be required to sign into TigerTracks to vote, their vote will be made anonymously over a secure connection.

Throughout the year, further improvements and new features will be made to TigerTracks.

“Really, the next push will be setting it up for faculty and staff

to use,” Ruder said. Other improvements include online enrollment and registration.

A pilot program beginning this year that will include TigerTracks is the I-Tunes University. This program will have instructors include lectures available for download off I-Tunes. Students who have I-Pods will be able to download these lectures for use on their I-Pods, Ruder said. Fort Hays State is one of the first schools Apple is including in this pilot program and it will begin later this semester.



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## All about the Benjamin: Alumnus donates Ben Franklin manuscripts to Forsyth Library

Robert Cummins  
News Editor

Two letters handwritten by Benjamin Franklin and copies of the Pennsylvania Gazette, a newspaper run by Franklin, have been deeded to Forsyth Library by Cecil B. Currey, Fort Hays State University alumnus.

The papers will soon be on display for students and the community to view, following a presentation called the Ben Franklin Papers, which will be held September 28 in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Todd Leahy, chair of the department of history, will host of the event.

Leahy said that part of the importance of the handwritten letters is that it will allow students to learn more about Ben Franklin.

“For me, handwritten letters shows us the man, it shows us Benjamin Franklin,”

Leahy said. “You get an image of Ben Franklin at his desk with a quill pen. The handwritten letter is Ben Franklin talking to us. He is writing us a letter, and now we are reading it.”

Both letters deal with the American business and trade.

The first letter that you will see is dated 1767 and Benjamin Franklin is reviewing the diary of British Indian trader Col. George Croghan, according to Leahy.

“By studying this diary, Franklin is exploring options for developing relationships between the various tribes of the interior wilderness and the Americans,” Leahy said. “On a personal note, Franklin owned a great deal of land in the West and was interested in securing ownership to that land. Later, Franklin’s knowledge of Indian cultures, likely received by studying diaries

from men like Croghan, will be important when the Continental Army under General Washington took the field against the British.”

The second letter is dated 1771 and demonstrates Franklin debating whether or not American business could function independently from Britain.

“At this time, the colonists were engaged in conflict over taxes, one that lead to the Revolutionary phrase, ‘No taxation without representation,’” Leahy said. “Unhappy with the taxes the British government was asking to them to pay, the colonists stopped buying British goods, preferring instead homegrown American products. Despite the rag-tag nature of American products, their use will become a badge of honor for those engaged in the rebellion that was the American Revolution.”



The letters may talk about American trade, but the ideas expressed are also closely knit into the American Revolution.

“It will be ultimately important to the founding of a nation,” Leahy said. “It’s that two-way look: one across the Atlantic and one on the frontier about business, as Franklin would have said.”

Issues of the Pennsylvania Gazette were also included in the donation. Franklin was the publisher, writer and editor of the newspaper at the time.

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## Hang up the Old Ring in the New



### New smartphone study could spell end of traditional dorm phones

#### WestLink offers Tiger One Plan

Any member of the Fort Hays State University student body, faculty and staff not participating in the pilot program can take advantage of WestLink’s Tiger One plan, which includes the same services as the pilot program and can be customized with optional upgrades.

The plan offers rates start-  
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Zach Becker  
Editor

Traditional dorm telephones could be the next victim in Fort Hays State University’s continued obsession to eliminate all things wired.

Through a partnership with WestLink Communications, Fort Hays State is conducting a pilot program where 100 students in the resident halls have been issued a dual-function device known as a smartphone, which acts both as a personal digital assistant and cellular phone. The device replaces the students’ dorm telephones, but is capable of much more than just phone calls.

The smart phone being tested in the study, known as the i-mate K-JAM, nor-

mally retails for about \$650 and uses an operating system called Windows Mobile. The phone can connect to the World Wide Web through a wi-fi connection, but also can access the Web through WestLink’s cellular network when not in range of a hotspot.

The device comes loaded with portable versions of Microsoft Internet Explorer, Outlook, Word, Excel and PowerPoint, among other programs.

The device has a full color touch screen interface, as well as a small, pull out keyboard, in addition to a built-in camera. It can synchronize with a home computer calls.

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## Lines literary journal available on campus

Zach Becker  
Editor

Reports on the death of creative thought at Fort Hays State University have been greatly exaggerated.

Evidence of its continued existence: the 2006 edition of *Lines from the Middle of Nowhere*, Fort Hays State’s literary journal.

This year’s edition, the 17<sup>th</sup> overall, contains the creative works of 15 Fort Hays State students and is now available free of charge in the Moss-Thorns Art Gallery in Rarick Hall, on the English Club bulletin board outside of Rarick 370 or in the Department of English.

*Lines* (as the journal is commonly called) contains original poems, short stories and artwork. While the journal is primarily composed of student works, it is also open to faculty and alumni submissions.

“It is extremely important to have the *Lines* journal at FHSU because not only does it give students, staff, and alumni the opportunity to have their creative works recognized, but also it’s a great example of our school’s dedication to the arts,” said 2006 Lines Editor Amy Morris, who graduated in May with her bachelors. SEE 'LINES' ON PAGE 8



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EDITORIAL

Lower textbook prices possible

Affordable Success ... except when it comes to textbooks. They always seem to leave that second part off of the roadsigns, don't they? However, textbook prices don't have to be quite so catastrophic. At New Jersey's Camden County College, campus officials are taking positive steps to save students up to 70 percent on the price of textbooks. Their cost-saving plan dictates that professors must use the same textbook for at least six straight semesters, according to an article at Inside Higher Ed (www.insidehighered.com). After paying full price for the first semester, students can buy the books used for sometimes more than two-thirds off the full price. But even new books are coming cheaper for students there, as the college has worked with their campus bookstores to lower new-book price markups by 20-25 percent. Oh, and Camden is also adopting the use of some e-textbooks as well. It's time Fort Hays State follow Camden's lead and adopt a similar program. We have the slogan of "Affordable Success," and that should apply to textbooks as well. President Ed Hammond is the one man who can make that happen. He has helped put this small university in Western Kansas on the cutting edge of technology and even expanded it across the sea to China. He has an opportunity here to expand his legacy even further. With the university's move to a mobile computing environment but a year away and students gearing up to purchase expensive laptop computers, now is the time for Hammond to push for lower textbook prices and expand the use of e-textbooks. Let's make the success even more affordable.

-The Editorial Board

OPINION

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

First Amendment under fire: Editor recounts Barton County Community College censorship battle

"If you print this letter, I'm going to sue you personally!" Barton County Community College men's basketball coach Dave Campbell screamed in my face.

After enduring several minutes of his sue-happy rant, I'd had enough. I stormed out of the office and declared to him that the letter to the editor was being printed no matter what he said.

At the time, I was a 19-year-old college freshman. I was also the new editor-in-chief of Barton's student newspaper, *The Interrobang*. Oh little did I know what I was getting into when I agreed to take over as editor.

The letter in question, which *The Interrobang* received from a former Barton basketball player by the name of Michel Diboty (who described how, in his opinion, he was unjustly thrown off the team) leveled many accusations against the coach.

One of those accusations stated that Campbell signed off on papers for a federal work study program when he knew no work had actually been completed by his players. To tell the truth, at the time, I did not really understand how serious that accusation was. Well, now I know why Campbell was so mad.

As of this writing, seven former coaches, including Campbell, as well as the former athletic director at Barton have been indicted by federal grand juries. The main charge against them: fraudulent use of a federal work-study program.

Follow the Money

Jayhawk Athletic Conference rules don't allow teams to give out full-ride scholarships. Therefore, Barton used federal money (fraudulently) as a substitute for a full-ride scholarship in order to recruit highly-talented players. In addition to defrauding the federal work study program, many of the coaches used their positions to help athletes receive credit for college courses they hadn't actually completed. In short, Barton cheated the rules to keep a highly talented team on the floor.

It worked, too, as they were one of the best junior college teams in the nation.

Of course, once the indictments started coming down, it all blew up in their faces.



Zach Becker Editor

A wave of negative publicity built up so strong that the community college even ended up with a several-page article in Sports Illustrated, appearing as the poster-school of corrupt junior college athletics.

The Jayhawk Conference eventually put all of Barton's athletic programs on probation from post-season play.

But Diboty's letter in the paper didn't directly cause all this uproar. After reviewing the letter, I decided not to include Diboty's accusation that Campbell signed off on fraudulent work-study papers because we had no way to confirm the fact.

The indictments were a result of an internal investigation conducted by Barton's administration. *The Interrobang* caught wind of this investigation some time before I took over as editor and had been critically reporting on it, much to the dislike of the athletic department and the board of trustees, who preferred to sweep problems under the rug than to fix them.

Censorship

When the trustees found out we had Diboty's letter, they decided that the best way to protect their image was to silence the student press on campus.

"The administration has decided that no letters to the editor will be published which are by and large personal attacks against other members of the Barton ... family," Barton's attorney wrote, informing us the college was responsible for the paper, and they held authority over editorial decisions.

It seems they forgot about this little thing called the First Amendment.

You know, that part in the Constitution declaring the government can't, among other things, abridge freedom of speech or of the press.

The letter was addressed to our paper's adviser, Jennifer Schartz, and arrived the

morning the Diboty letter went to press. She responded, telling them she thought she was being asked to break the law.

Long story short: at the end of that year, the trustees decided not to renew Schartz's contract, despite the fact she was doing a superb job as a part-time newspaper adviser and journalism instructor, turning the newspaper around in a matter of three years from a copy-machined publication into one that garnered many awards.

Because she was not a tenured employee, they weren't required by law, nor saw it fit, to give a reason for her non-renewal, but we all knew the real reason.

After she was fired, I decided to leave Barton a year earlier than I had planned.

Lawsuit Settled

Last month, Schartz's lawsuit against Barton was finally settled, over two-years after she was fired and days before the case was finally set to get to court.

While the case made quite a few headlines and increased people's awareness of collegiate press freedom, I was hoping it would also set a legal precedent,

But it was not to be. Nor did the settlement get Schartz her job back.

However, the whole thing did cost the college, to the amount of a \$130,000, a good deterrent to those who might think to act similarly.

Summary

From my experiences, I have acquired a much greater appreciation of the importance and also the fragility of the First Amendment, which people will take away if you don't stand up to protect it.

You also have to remember that with great freedom comes great responsibility.

Honesty. Accuracy. Integrity. Fairness. Public Service.

I learned these ideal journalistic principles by heart during my time at Barton, and they are also the guiding principles of this publication. I use these every day.

But beyond journalism, I learned that sometimes you have to stand up for what you think is right, no matter what other people think or say.

Was my time at Barton always pleasant? No. But I wouldn't trade the experience for anything.

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Encore Series celebrates 25 years

The Encore Series of Performing Arts celebrates 25 years of artistic excellence at Fort Hays State University in 2006-2007. The *Silver Celebration* kicks off on Saturday, October 7 with *I Can't Stop Loving You!* This smash hit celebration of the music of Ray Charles comes to the U.S. from a triumphant debut in London's West End. The show features six amazing singers, ten dynamic dancers and a 15 piece on-stage orchestra.

Next up the Miami City Ballet will perform on October 30. One of the largest and most highly regarded ballet companies in the country, the Miami City Ballet has 44 dancers, and is renowned for its vast repertoire of classical and contemporary works. Founder and Artistic Director, Edward Villella was the first American-born star of the New York City Ballet and his career established the male's role in classical dance in the U.S.

The international percussion sensation, *STOMP!* will take the stage for two nights November 28 and 29. The eight member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments—matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippol lighters, hubcaps – to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. See what all the noise is about!

Cultural ambassador to the City of New Orleans, Irvin Mayfield will bring his New Orleans Jazz Orchestra (NOJO) to Hays for the first Encore Series performance of spring 2007, on January 22. NOJO is dedicated to keeping New Orleans jazz alive, especially in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. They will perform "New Orleans: Now and Then" which traces the evolution of

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jazz as it has moved from New Orleans to the rest of America and the world. The program features the music of Professor Longhair, Jely Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong and Sidney Bechet among others.

The Montana Repertory Theatre continues its investigation into the heart of the American character with their production of Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Lost In Yonkers* on February 12. Set during WWII, it is the coming of age story of two young brothers who are placed in the hands of their frightening Grandma Kurnitz. Many critics consider this Simon's best work.

On February 20 the Encore Series continues with the original "quest"

musical, *Man of La Mancha*. The centuries-old tale of Don Quixote is a poignant and often funny story for the entire family. The lavish lighting, costumes, dancing and music will leave you speechless.

One audience favorite from years past, The Lettermen, will return to the Encore Series stage during the 25th anniversary season. Having recorded 70 albums, sold 100 million copies worldwide and had countless number one hits, the Lettermen have been creating musical memories for more than 45 years. They will bring their famous harmonies to the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center on March 14.

The Encore Series Silver Celebration will

end in style on April 19 with a performance by the Emerson String Quartet. Acclaimed for its insightful performances, brilliant artistry and technical mastery, the Emerson String Quartet is one of the world's foremost chamber ensembles.

All Encore Series programs are presented in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Sheridan Hall on the Fort Hays State University campus. All 2006-2007 performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. Season brochures are available now. Call Carol Brock at 785-628-5801 or email cbrock@fhsu.edu to request your copy. The Encore Series celebrating 25 years of artistic excellence at Fort Hays State University.

Christian Challenge welcomes members

Robert Cummins  
News Editor

Christian Challenge, one of the largest and most active organizations on campus, is looking for even more participation by students, according to Micah Sanderson, associate director of the group. Students that join can come and go as they please and are welcome to participate as much or as little as they choose.

"We exist for the glory of God," Sanderson said. "We are a loving group who seeks and welcomes students and gives them the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and grow in His likeness. We try to provide an atmosphere appealing to college students."

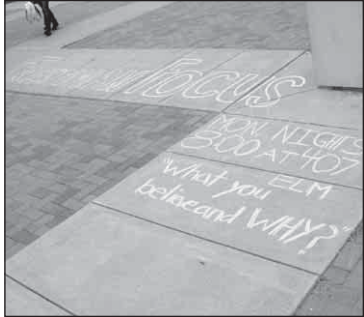
Christian Challenge hosts a multitude of events aimed at the college audience, one of which is called Challenge and is held at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at AGAPE Southern Baptist Church, located on 13<sup>th</sup> and Harvest Road. These events usually include either a guest speaker or a live band Attendance for these meetings is usually above 100 students.

Christian Challenge also hosts an event called Freshman Focus at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Kukkabah Koffee House at 407 Elm Street. The event is targeted at freshmen and transfer students. "What do you believe and why?" is the topic of interest this week. The event is designed to provide an environment where students can communicate with their new Fort Hays State peers about matters of faith.

In addition to Challenge Night and the Freshman Focus, numerous other Christian community groups meet through the week.

"We hope truth is spoken and for people to open up and share beliefs with people their own ages," said Daniel Williams, Christian Challenge member.

Christian Challenge also offers students an opportunity to do good works for the community. Williams said that recently he had been assisting international students by going with them on trips to Wal-Mart, as well as helping with their cell phone bills.



ZACH BECKER/THE EDGE  
Writing outside Forsyth Library advertises an upcoming Christian Challenge event.

Christian Challenge also offers students the chance to do good works abroad.

"We took forty people down to Juarez Mexico during Spring Break to serve at an orphanage," Williams said. Christian Challenge members also spent twelve weeks earlier this summer in Fort Smith doing good works. This summer, five Fort Hays State students joined Christian Challenge members from other schools in a mission to Kenya and five more went to Southeast Asia to assist with student ministry. Williams estimates that sixty or seventy people a year participate in at least a week of mission work.

Sept. 12-14, Christian Challenge will be hosting Glory Week.

"The purpose? Just to get people thinking, 'What is glory?'" said Christian Challenge member and Glory Week participant Haley Spicer. The event will begin with a barbecue at the front of Sheridan Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. All students are welcome to attend, Spicer said.

The event will then transition into worship and a live band. It will also include a guest speaker, Tommy Hinson, also the director of missions for South Central Kansas Baptist Association. "There will (also) be student testimonies so students can share what they've been through," Spicer said.

Upcoming events for Christian Challenge include a fall conference, held Sept. 22-24 in Salina. Students interested in participating are asked to call 785-625-6945 by Friday.

Professor humorously examines police urban legends

It happens every school year without exception; in one (or more) of my police-science oriented classes, I enter the classroom in the middle of a discussion the students are having amongst themselves. The topic: police urban legends. As with most urban legends, these law-enforcement oriented topics have some elements of truth, but the truth is swamped in conjecture, misconception, and out-right lies.

You've certainly heard of some of them and perhaps even think that some of them are true. Maybe you've even heard from a trusted source that they know that one is true because it happened to him (or her) once or because a local officer told him so. Well, let's look at a few that our students commonly talk about.

Please remember to embrace the humor of these legends, as this is strictly for our entertainment, and if we can't laugh at ourselves, who can we laugh at!

Urban Legend #1: **The Follow**

**Rule.** "A police officer can only follow you for three left turns, then they have to stop following you if you make a fourth left turn." I can't tell you how many versions of that one I've heard.

What's the deal with this one? We don't want our cops driving in circles? On most city blocks four same-direction turns is a circle.

As with all urban legends, we have to look at these with tongue-in-cheek. This one was probably dreamed up by a career cannabis user who was hoping for a way to help him deal with chemically induced paranoia.

Urban Legend #2: **The Plain Sight Rule.** This one is actually pretty good. Even my dad used to believe this one. It's a spin off of a real rule of law dealing with entrapment. But what it lacks in legal standing, it makes up for in hope. "A police officer has to be in plain sight when he is running radar." Sounds interesting, doesn't it? And from my personal perspective, that one really isn't

**Kenton Russell**

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a bad idea, but truth dictates that officer position when running radar is purely up to the officer. Sometimes in class, I go a little over-board and tell the students that an officer can hang up-side-down in a tree to run radar if he wants. Nope: no rule about where a law enforcement officer can and can't be when running radar.

Urban Legend #3: **The Drive-way Rule.** This one is funny, and maybe you've heard it explained to you like this: "Dude, all you gotta do is make it to your drive-way. Once you pull in, that's it; they can't write you a ticket after that." This one is so silly that the general law enforcement response to it is: "Um...no...but hey, good try." This one may have sprung

from the Constitution itself: "...guarantee to be secure from illegal searches of person, property, possessions..." Sounds like it applies, but it missing that little word in there - illegal - which becomes moot by an officer's probable cause.

Urban Legend #4: **The 4 mph rule.** Now, this one is a little bit unique for a couple of reasons. Basically, this one goes as follows: "If you're driving 4 miles an hour over the speed limit, the cops can't pull you over." The biggest reason that this legend is interesting is because there is actually a little bit of 'substance' to it. NOT that you can drive 4 mph over the speed limit and not get pulled over; quite the contrary. The fact of the matter is that *one mile per hour* over a posted speed limit is a driving infraction and you may be pulled over and cited for breaking that traffic law.

Yep, just one mile per hour can get ya! I don't remember ever even hearing of any officer writ-

ing a speeding ticket to the tune of "1 mph over the limit," but they *could*. The 'substance' from this one comes from a couple areas. First, an agency may implement a formal rule addressing such a 'margin of tolerance' (an uncommon practice and not recommended); and second, the individual officer may implement a personal rule for tolerance of exceeding the speed limit (much more common) of what he/she thinks is a "reasonable" speed above the posted maximum. Some officers allow several over as a courtesy, but remember, it only takes one by law.

At any rate, life is often funnier than fiction. Remember that cops are real people and funny stuff happens to them. When you see a police officer in his car, imagine the silly things that he's seen and heard so far today, then give him a waive. He'll wonder what you're up to! Oh, and if he follows you, remember: four left turns, then head for your drive-way!

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# Tigers come back against Mines, but fall short

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The Tiger football team could not pull out its first win on the road last Saturday as it fell to Colorado School of Mines 24-31.

Last year, Fort Hays State lost to Mines 10-46, the Orediggers largest victory margin ever against the Tigers.

Saturday's game started out in the same fashion, as Mines put up 14 unanswered points in the first quarter. The Tigers finally got their offense jump-started as they strung together an 8-play drive for 80 yards, highlighted with a 21-yard touchdown pass from junior Shane Jackson to senior wideout John Luke Snyder.

Mines answered back quickly with two scoring drives of their own, including one field goal and a 46-yard touchdown pass from Garrett Mehl to Derek Dyktra. The Orediggers looked like they would take a 24-7 lead into half, but Tiger freshman C.J. Lovett

had one last statement to make before intermission.

With only 50 seconds left in the half, Lovett took the ensuing kickoff 98 yards to pull the Tigers within 10 heading to the locker room.

Fort Hays State came rolling out of the lockers. They put together another 8-play drive for 70 yards on their opening possession, tapped off with another touchdown pass to Snyder from Jackson. This 25-yard completion brought the Tigers within three, now trailing only 21-24. Snyder finished with his second consecutive 100-yard plus game, ending with 102 yards on five catches.

Fort Hays State's defense only allowed 90 yards on the ground, but they could not stop Mehl's 5-yard scramble that gave the Orediggers a 10-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Senior kicker Justin Barr tacked on three more points converting on a 33-yard field goal with 1:27

left to go in the game.

Fort Hays State had one last chance with the onside kick, but the ball soared out-of-bounds and so did the Tigers' chances of picking up their first win this season. The loss drops the Tigers to 0-2.

Fort Hays State managed to put up 261 yards of total offense against Mines, but they also allowed 367 yards.

Junior transfer student Anthony Melton led the Tigers with 85 yards rushing; while fellow transfer quarterback Jackson had another productive day, going 12-23 for 142 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

Head coach Kevin Verdugo and his squad will now travel to Emporia State University this Saturday starting at 1 p.m. for their debut Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association game.

The Hornets have won the past five games against the Fort Hays State, leading the over-all series 47-30-2.

	FHSU	CSM
First Downs	15	17
Rushing Yards	119	90
Passing Yards	142	277
Total Yards	261	367
Turnovers	1	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> -Down Conversions	2-13	2-10
Possession Time	29:39	30:21

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Clafin junior Jordan Hickel runs the ball against Texas A&M University - Commerce on Sept. 2 at Lewis Field Stadium. The Tigers lost that game 17-14.



# Volleyball sings the blues after four losses in Classic

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The Tiger volleyball team had a rough go of it over the weekend at the Lady Blues Classic in Topeka. The team dropped all four games in a talent-filled classic.

They opened with No. 12-ranked Nebraska-Omaha. Tiger sophomore Leanna Roberts did all she could, totaling 11 kills in the match, but her efforts would not be rewarded as the Mavericks defeated the Tigers 30-28, 30-19 and 30-23.

The second match of the day faced Fort Hays State against South Dakota.

They actually garnered a 1-0 lead in the match, beating the Coyotes 30-24 in the first game. From there, the tables took a fierce turn for the worst as the Tigers dropped the next three games in the match 19-30, 28-30 and 23-30.

Fort Hays State started Saturday's matches against Augustana College and Minnesota State-Mankato.

They lost to Augustana College in three

straight games 30-21, 30-24 and finally 30-21.

The Tigers might have lost even more than the match when Jessica Faulkner landed hard on the floor in obvious pain. The 6'0" sophomore appeared to have hurt her ankle, but her health status is still unknown.

Fort Hays could not muster out a win in their final game of the Classic against Minnesota State-Mankato.

They never really got in the swing of

things as they dropped all three games 30-15, 30-12 and 30-28.

Roberts led the team once again in kills racking up nine. Errors have struck the Tigers so far throughout the season. The total soared to 385 compared to their opponents' 238.

Fort Hays State falls to 1-13 (0-1) on the season. They will now take on Emporia State University Wednesday at Emporia, where they will hope to snap a six-match losing streak.

## KC Chief's Trent Green doesn't get much hype, but stats show him deserving of praise

You have to build a franchise for this current year; what quarterback do select? Many sports writers and critics will rattle off names such as: Peyton Manning, Tom Brady, Donovan McNabb, Carson Palmer or Michael Vick.

Does anyone recognize that one guy? What's his name? Oh yeah, Trent Green, the quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs.

I realize that most people with in reading distance of this paper are obviously aware of Green and his presence on the field. There are so many out there, though, that do not give Green his dues. Let us take a gander at some intriguing statistics.

Green threw for 4,014 yards this past year. He managed to be

second in the league on a year when Larry Johnson and the ground game took prominence. The 2004 season he dropped in 4,591 yards, second once again in the National Football League. Just for the hell of it, let us go back to the 2003 season when he aired the ball out for 4,039 yards.

Over the past five years Kansas City's QB has thrown for 20,117 yards. He's second behind only Peyton Manning, who is not bad company, amongst active quarterbacks.

The biggest knock against Trent Green stems from his 44-36 record since being in Kansas City. He has led the Chiefs to only one playoff birth in 2003, which ended up in a 31-38 loss to the Indianapolis Colts in the first round.



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Although he does not have an abundant amount of playoff experience or a Tom Brady-like winning percentage; he has quietly led one of the top-ranked offenses in the league year after year. The Chiefs' offense has been ranked number one the past two seasons.

Kansas City has obviously had a decent run game to open up the pass for Green. He has also inherited arguably the best tight end, Tony Gonzales, who has opened many options for former offensive coordinator, Al Saunders.

Other than that, who has Green had to throw to? Eddie Kennison, Johnnie Morton, Dante Hall, Sammy Parker, Derrick Alexander, and Marvin "Snoop" Minnis make up part of the list Green had to choose from.

Kennison has been somewhat reliable these past two years stringing together back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, but he should be considered no higher than a number two receiver for most teams.

Even with a defense that has consistently been ranked in the bottom quarter of the NFL, he

leads one of the most prolific offenses in the league. Green's arm continues to strive for more yards without any of the publicity that other quarterbacks with less attractive statistics get.

Maybe the torn ACL and MCL injuries back in 1999 have made people forget about Green. Maybe the 36-year old from Kirkwood, Missouri is not in a big enough market for writers and critics to clinch onto.

Who knows?

I do know I will be able to watch Trent Jason Green quietly and modestly put up another monster season without any media hype coming his way.

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